Granting Special Status to Rajasthan

340. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has recently demanded for granting special status to it in view of its proximity to the sensitive borders of Pakistan;

(b) whether it has also demanded 100 percent Central grants for the modernisation of the Police Force to deal with the situation;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government of Rajasthan has sought 100 per cent grant under Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces.They have further suggested the cost sharing ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States under the Scheme, without any loan component. The suggestions made by different State Governments, including the Government of Rajasthan, have been considered by the Review committee constituted by Government to make recommendations for improving the implementation of the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces.

Incidents of Shooting by Jawans of Para-Military Forces

†341. SHRI BALKAVIBAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to fully stop the increasing incidents of shooting higher officers and colleagues by the jawans of various para-military forces and also to get the jawans rid off mental stresses and strains; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and by when it would be implemented?

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†Original notice of the question was received In Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) In view of the nature of duty performed by the personnel of Central Police Force deployed in Field formations, except in CISF, they are allowed two months annual leave and fifteen days casual leave as against one month and eight days respectively in static formation. This is to ensure adequate rest and recuperation. In CISF, however, since most of the personnel are allowed to live with family, one month's annual leave and re-imbursement of one month's pay in lieu of one month's leave is allowed. Government have also enhanced authorization for family accommodation in CPFs. Recreational and entertainment facilities are provided for the personnel. The rotational training of the personnel provides a break from monotonous duties. In some Forces, Yoga and meditation has been made an integral part of training programmes. However, in view of some recent incidents of shooting by the CPF personnel, Government has ordered a study by Bureau of Police Research & Development in consultation with the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science on stress management in the force personnel.

Steps to Curb fundamentalist organisations

342. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activists of Durga Vahini, an outfit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad are being imparted rifle-shooting training and regular military drills;

(b) if so, whether alarmed at this development, Muslim fundamentalist organisations have planned to distribute Panchatan Pak (five forked weapon) to its activists to counter the growing threat posed by VHP/RSS; and

(c) the steps being taken to curb the fundamentalist/communal organisations spreading communal rife and disharmony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) It is reported that Durga Vahini, an outfit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, has organized, camps at different places for imparting training in physical exercises including Yoga, Judo, Karate,